

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Central Valley District  
22708 Broadway Street  
Columbia, CA 95310

**PROJECT TITLE:** Fallon Hotel HVAC & Water Heater Replacement

**LOCATION:** Columbia State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project will install a new HVAC system and tankless water heating system in the Fallon Hotel at Columbia State Historic Park to replace the outdated and inefficient systems. Work will install 67"H X 49"W X 31"D condensing unit by cutting a 2" diameter hole in the roof and seal welding; install three 4"L X 12"W sheetrock cut-ins at the ceiling; install heating and cooling elements using existing ducting; remove heat exchangers and replace with DC Ducted Concealed Ceiling Units; channel line sets through southeast corner linen closet; build and install a wood cover to hide exposed line sets; and remove the old dilapidated water heating system and replace with tankless water heater.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Central Valley District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption


Class: 1, 2

Section: 15301, 15302

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, included as "utility repairs and minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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